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DIRECTOR COMBINED MILITARY COORDINATION AND PLANNING STAFF.

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1. I NOTE FROM REREADING MY MESSAGE TO YOU OF JULY 8 THAT I
NEGLECTED TO MENTION MY CONTINUING BELIEF THAT THE US CO DIRECTOR
OF THE COMBINED STAFF SHOULD BE ARMY OFFICER. AS I INDICATED
IN EARLY MARCH WHEN THIS MATTER FIRST CAME UP. IT IS IMPORTANT
TO PLACE AN ARMY OFFICER IN THIS POSITION, BOTH TO
ACHIEVE BETTER BALANCE IN SENIOR SERVICE REPRESENTATION IN THE
MADRID AREA(16TH AIRFORCE AND JUSMG ARE BOTH STAFFED BY
RECENTLY ASSIGNED AIR FORCE MAJOR GENERALS) AND IN LIGHT OF THE
VERY IMPORTANT ROLE THE SPANISH ARMY WILL PLAY IN THE PERIOD
AHEAD IN SPAIN ITSELF AND WITH RESPECT TO AN EVENTUAL SPANISH
DECISION ON JOINING NATO.

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